

CITY OF EL MONTE

Economic Development Department Planning Division

NEW MASSAGE REGULATIONS

Effective Date: May 5, 2016 (per City Council Ordinance No. 2878)

<u>Permitted Zones</u>: New massage businesses are only allowed on properties zoned C-3 (General Commercial) and C-4 (Heavy Commercial).

<u>Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Required</u>: New massage businesses in the C-3 and C-4 zones require approval of a CUP.

- New massage businesses also need to be at least 1,000 feet from any existing massage business.
- The CUP process requires the submittal of an application packet and fees to Planning Division and a public hearing before the City's Planning Commission. The Commission would then vote on the application.
- Please note: it may take several months to process a CUP. In addition, you will need to comply with all other requirements of the City's new regulations and existing State laws.

<u>Existing massage businesses in a C-3 or C-4 zone:</u> Those existing massage businesses that do not have a CUP must apply for and have received approval of a CUP by May 6, 2019. If a CUP is not obtained by that date, then the business must cease operations.

<u>Existing massage businesses that are not in a C-3 or C-4 zone</u>: Those existing massage businesses must cease operations by May 6, 2021. However, the Ordinance allows existing businesses to request an extension for an additional three years.

